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(U) Fairfield -- Cyberattack on California Healthcare Organization

(U) A non-profit healthcare organization based in Northern California is investigating a cyberattack that has disrupted its computer systems. Partnership HealthPlan of California, which serves more than 618,000 Medi-Cal members in 14 Northern California counties from its base in Fairfield, notified a local community health center on 21 March that its computer systems were down. The investigation has not yet determined whether any personal data belonging to patients or staff was compromised in the attack. In a dark web post that has since been deleted, a ransomware group claimed to have accessed Partnership HealthPlan's system and stolen 400GB files from the organization's server. The cybercriminal gang claims the files house hundreds of thousands of medical records containing patients' names, Social Security Numbers, dates of birth, addresses, and contact details.

SOURCE: 31 March 2022, InfoSecurity

(U) Sacramento – Agents Seized 1,500 Illegal Guns in 2021

(U) A surge in gun purchases during the COVID-19 pandemic, including those bought by people who are prohibited from having firearms, prompted state law enforcement last year to mount an aggressive push to seize nearly 1,500 weapons through a unique California program, authorities said Wednesday. Agents investigated more than 6,600 people in 2021 through the Armed and Prohibited Persons System, known as APPS, according to a report released Wednesday. Of the 1,428 firearms seized last year, 826 were listed in the database but 602 - including 39 so-called ghost guns - were not.

SOURCE: 31 March 2022, KCRA News

(U) San Diego - Coast Guard Seize \$223 Million Worth of Cocaine and Marijuana in the Pacific

(U) A large seizure operation from US vessels in the Eastern Pacific was offloaded in San Diego Bay. The 11,300 pounds (5.125 kilograms) of cocaine and more than 4,000 pounds (1,814 kilograms) of marijuana valued at about \$223 million were seized in eight interdictions on the high seas, the Coast Guard said. The interdictions were conducted by the US cutters Kimball, Legare, and Spencer, and the Canadian vessel HMCS Yellowknife. The Honolulu-based Kimball delivered the contraband to San Diego. SOURCE: 31 March 2022, Star Advertiser

(U) San Fernando Valley - \$2.3 Million in Stolen Cars Discovered at Cannabis Cultivation Site

(U) The California State Highway Patrol's Southern Division announced the discovery of at least 35 stolen vehicles as the result of a months-long investigation from the Special Services Vehicle Theft Unit. The stolen vehicles were located at a major indoor marijuana growing operation with "well over" 400 plants. The CHP estimated the net value of stolen vehicles to be worth about \$2.3 million; no value estimates were provided for the marijuana located at the site. A two-month long investigation led to a search warrant served by the special Vehicle Theft unit "in the San Fernando Valley," where the CHP recovered the lot of stolen cars and one firearm. A suspect was arrested on-site.

SOURCE: 31 March 2022, Motortrend

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(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Texas - Suspected Drug Cartel Member Aims AK-47 at Texas Public Safety Helicopter

(U) Starr County – Footage taken from a Texas Department of Public Safety helicopter shows a suspected gunman aiming a weapon at the aircraft near the southern border before a deadly shootout between suspected cartel members and the Mexican military, according to US authorities. In the video, the pilot appears to try and maneuver the aircraft away from the line of fire. The area where the footage was taken has been the site of several shooting incidents in recent months when American personnel have been targeted. Heavily armed cartel members have become a more common sight along the Texas-Mexico border in recent months as US border officials deal with a surge of migrants.

SOURCE: 31 March 2022, Fox News

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Pennsylvania – One Officer Killed, Two Others Wounded by Gunman

(U) Lebanon – A police officer was killed, and two others were injured by gunfire after responding to a domestic incident in Lebanon, Pennsylvania, yesterday, according to the city's mayor. One of the officers who survived is in critical condition at the hospital, while another is in stable condition, Mayor Sherry Capello said. The 34-year-old man who was the subject of the domestic incident is dead, Lebanon Police Chief Todd Breiner said. He did not elaborate on how the individual died. Officials have yet to release more information about the incident or identify any of the individuals involved. A press conference is scheduled for Friday.

SOURCE: 31 March 2022, CNN

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Israel – Fears Grow of Renewed Violence Amid Deadly Shootings

(U) Jerusalem – A spate of deadly shootings in Israel has sparked renewed fears that the security situation is deteriorating as Palestinians approach the Islamic holy month of Ramadan. On the streets of Bnei Brak, a city just outside Tel Aviv, on Tuesday, a gunman fired upon civilians, killing five, including an Israeli police officer, before the suspect was shot and killed. Tuesday's slayings marked the third in a series of unclaimed attacks labelled as terror by the Israeli authorities in just eight days, a wave of violence that's left 11 dead and raised concerns among political leaders and analysts about further attacks.

SOURCE: 31 March 2022, ABC News

(U) Russia – National Air Transport Agency Targeted by Cyberattacks

(U) Moscow – A cyberattack on the Russian Federal Air Transport Agency's (Rosaviatsia) infrastructure allegedly erased all documents, files, aircraft registration data and emails from the servers. The agency lost nearly 65 terabytes of data. According to several reports, the Russian Federation declined to confirm the cyberattack and blamed the temporary lack of internet access on an electronic document system malfunction. The agency has since switched to pen and paper and postal mail to conduct its analysis and communications. Several sources report that the agency lost 1.5 years' worth of emails and had no backups to restore the system, resulting in a severe disruption to the agency responsible for overseeing the civil aviation industry in Russia.

SOURCE: 31 March 2022, Security Magazine

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